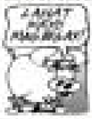
Solon says it's senators' turn to cut their pork



By Cynthia D. Balana

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time when Filipinos across the country were stringing up their homes and offices with Christmas lights.

The season of sharing and giving may have come but there will be no Christmas parties for some.

Senate President Franklin Drilon canceled Christmas parties for senators and Senate employees so that the budget allocated for merrymaking, about half a million pesos, could be used for flood and landslide victims.

"This is our best way of responding to President Macapagal-Arroyo's call for unity," Drilon said in a phone interview.

The Christmas party for senators and their spouses had been scheduled for Dec. 8 and for employees for Dec. 17.

Drilon urged other government offices and even private firms to follow suit.

"The best way to celebrate Christmas is through sharing and giving to our less fortunate brothers," he said.

If foregoing parties would be impossible, Drilon urged government offices to instead have "sincere and simple" celebrations so that savings generated could go to the typhoon victims.

"It feels not proper to hold festivities while people are suffering," he said.

The Catholic Church is offering more than just prayers.

In a circular, Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales urged the clergy to solicit donations of food, blankets, mattresses and dry clothing to be sent to Caritas Manila in Pandacan.

Rosales urged parishioners to share "whatever they have" with their stricken countrymen and directed the clergy to lead in seeking the intercession of the Virgin Mary to spare the country from further harm.

Caritas executive director Fr. Anton Pascual said the church's charity arm had distributed 3,000 packages of relief goods in Aurora, Quezon, and nearby provinces.

Caritas asked those who wished to help to call its office at 564-1821.

"I am grateful to all those who have poured their hearts and energies into this effort—our government workers, volunteers, the media, the uniformed services and the unnamed heroes from all levels of the national community," Ms Arroyo said at the NDCC meeting.

This is "a time to show ourselves and the world the solidarity, resiliency and the self-reliance and communities that can clasp hands to overcome misfortune," she said.

She said the government's resources and manpower were spread thinly but she was proud that volunteers and the private sector had filled the gap.

"We need one great heave to deliver the relief supplies, find the missing, evacuate the isolated, feed the hungry and shelter the homeless," Ms Arroyo said. *With a report from Blanche S. Rivera*



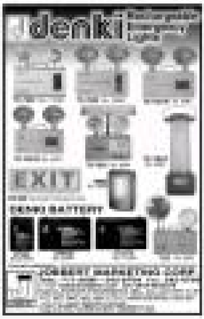
PRESIDENT ARROYO with DSWD Secretary Dinky Soliman at Villamor Air Base on Wednesday meets typhoon-injured victims like Alain Punzalan airlifted by Air Force choppers from Infanta, Quezon.

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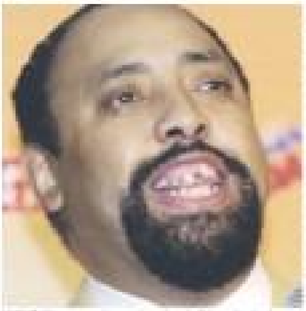
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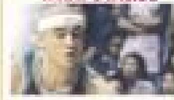


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Car bomb blast, attacks kill 25 Iraqis in Baghdad

High court poised to rule on Ukraine impasse



Bhopal victims mark 20th anniversary of gas disaster

Britain, France, Germany back Annan; Bush wavers

Evidence from torture can be used to detain enemies, US gov't says

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Americans taking more prescription drugs than ever

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12 school kids in China slashed

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Bonds unaware he was using steroids

Shoot-out in Texas

Nowitzki fires 53, McGrady 48 as Mavs ground slumping Rockets

DALLAS, Texas—German hotshot Dirk Nowitzki scored a career-high 53 points to lead the Dallas Mavericks past the Houston Rockets, 113-106, in overtime here Thursday in a National Basketball Association Texas showdown that turned into a classic shootout.



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White claims to be a victim of her ambitions

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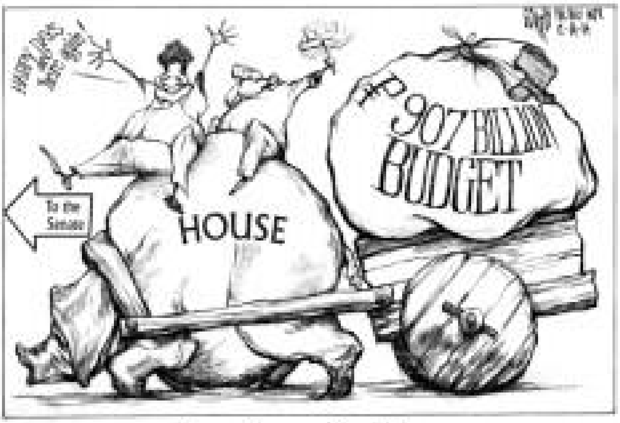
Castillo stakes WBC crown vs Casamayor



WBC lightweight champion Jose Luis Castillo (left) of Mexico, poses with challenger Joel Casamayor, a Cuban who fights out of Miami, during a news conference.

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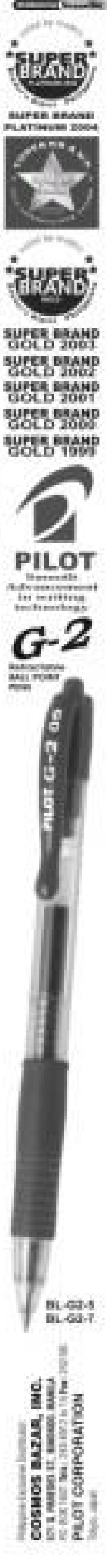
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Christmas is just around the corner. Do you feel the spirit of the season? Why or why not?

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A case of sweet success in land reform

TO THIS day, residents of Barangay 12, in the heart of the Negros sugarlands, still call their former landlord "señorito," their foreman "mayordomo," and their early morning assembly "oremus."

Landlord-turned-mentor

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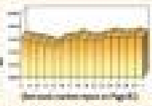
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Napocor rate hike seen in early '05

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Average LPG prices

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WHO PREDICTS 100M DEATHS

RP prepared for bird flu pandemic

By Lowen Marie T. Lugo
Contributor

BANGKOK—Amid warnings made here by international health experts that a bird flu pandemic could erupt in Asia anytime soon and kill millions of people, the Philippine health department is giving the assurance that the government has put in place a plan should the dire predictions come true.

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Have your eyes had it?



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Diabetics told: don't skip annual urine test

By Charles E. Buban

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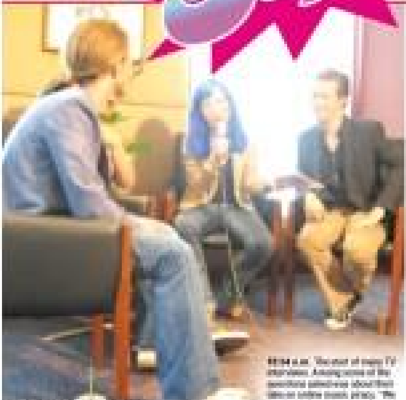
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HANSON, the stars of many TV interviews. Among some of the questions asked was about their take on online music piracy. "We see the Internet as a tool, and it's changing every industry," Taylor said. "Because of it, musicians and record companies are forced to come out with better quality music." The Wazzup! Wazzup! taping had the boys poking fun at the host, who wore a blue wig.

LESS THAN 24 HOURS with Hanson

Text and photos by [illegible]

NOT EVERY band finds it easy to shed their teeny-bopper image—boy bands have yet to win the praise of most respected musicians, and Britney Spears has never managed to bring home a Grammy. Ironically enough, one of the bands that sparked the pop craze in the mid-'90s has managed to not only have critics fawn over their records, but musicians never seem to hesitate to collaborate with them.

Hanson—made up of three Tulsa, Oklahoma, brothers—were making music before they were even in middle school. Inspired by their parents' old records (think late '50s, early '60s rock and roll), the brothers formed a band that echoed Motown beats, fused with their smooth vocal harmonies. They released two independent records before the smash single "Mmmbop" soared on every music chart in 1997. Their debut album, "Middle of Nowhere," was followed by the toe-tapping, deliciously old school pop rock record, "This Time Around."

There are a lot of reasons why Hanson managed to avoid being on VH1's Behind the Music. For one, they never let trends dictate their music. While everyone was doing bubblegum pop, they stuck with what they knew best—good ol' rock and roll. Then there was that desire to do things their—and not any record company's—way: their latest release, "Underneath," was released under their own record label, 3CG. Well-respected musicians are giving the band the props that they deserve... Matthew Sweet, Gregg Alexander and Michelle Branch lent their talents to the record.

After two failed attempts to come play a show in the Philippines, Hanson finally came

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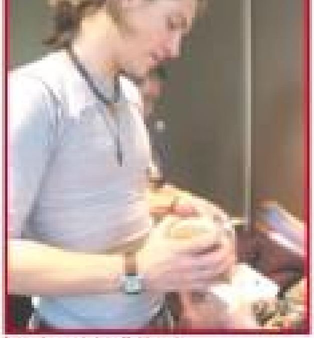












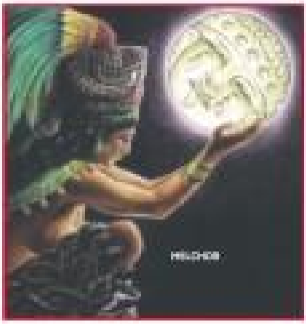


The giving threesome

A surreal but true tale of generosity, minus the cheese

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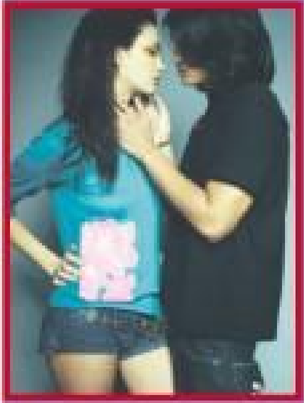
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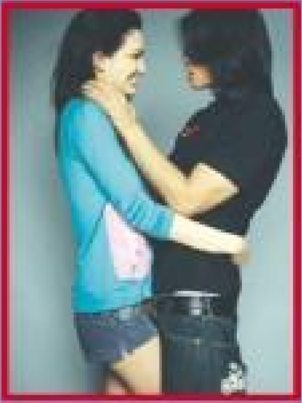


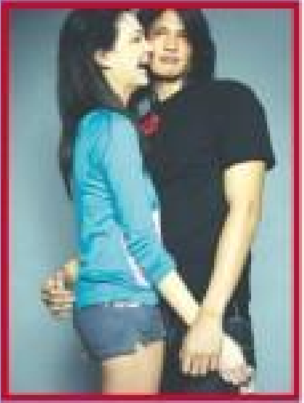
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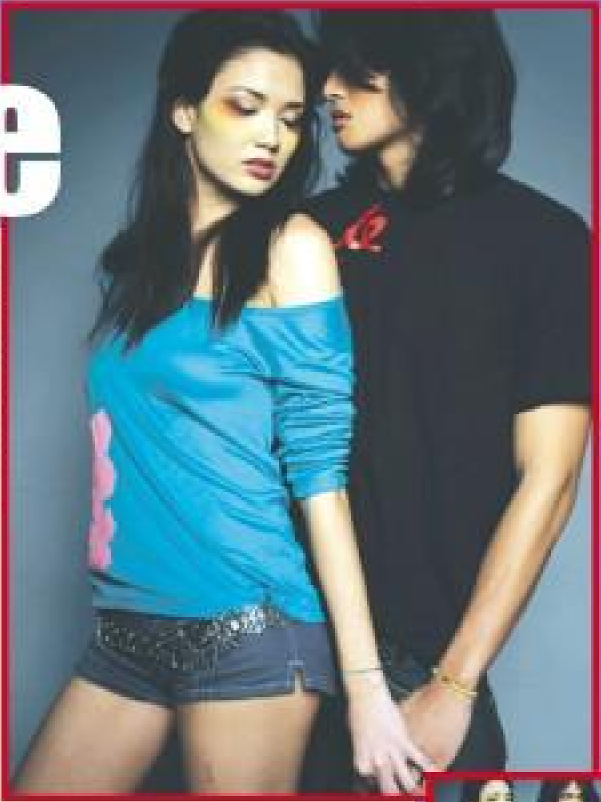






Young hearts, run free

Tim Yap



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VBoys

By Tim Yap
Photos by Mark Nicdao
Makeup by [illegible]

Paul Artadi
Height: 5'10"
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WHAT do shaving and playing basketball have in common?" I ask my buddy in a Confucian-like tone.

After some deep thought, he answered: "Shaving requires precision. The closer the shave, the greater the satisfaction. Basketball also requires precision. A team's concerted effort, brought about by hard-working players, results in better play—and greater audience satisfaction."

"Three point shot!" I thought to myself, as I started to [illegible] in this mood of a smooth shave.

"In effect, basketball's individual players are like the individual blades of a good shaver—when they come together in perfect unison, they create a close shaving of points from the opposing team, [illegible] points and imminent success for their own team," he ended with a wink and a basketball toss.

"I want what you're having!" I throw a [illegible] of at my friend, who is either on a post-game high, or who is, unbeknownst to me, a basketball historian from the era of [illegible] and [illegible].

But we don't have to look that far to spot precision moves in the Pinoy's favorite pastime. This generation has got pretty big balls, too, on the basketball court. [illegible]

When I say hardcourt players, I mean men who play ball seriously. Pinoy dribblers who are shooting their way into more consciousness faster than you can say [illegible] and [illegible] (my respects to the basketball gods of my childhood), they are also [illegible] [illegible], a [illegible] during [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] et al.)

The Gillette Vector Five Five, as they are called—Paul Artadi, Wesley Gonzales, James Yap, [illegible] Villanueva and Rich Alvarez—have all grown up before our eyes as young rookies in the college courts of the [illegible] now moving on to the hardball of the PBA arena, these young and already multi-awarded athletes soar to greater heights [illegible]

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Wesley Gonzales

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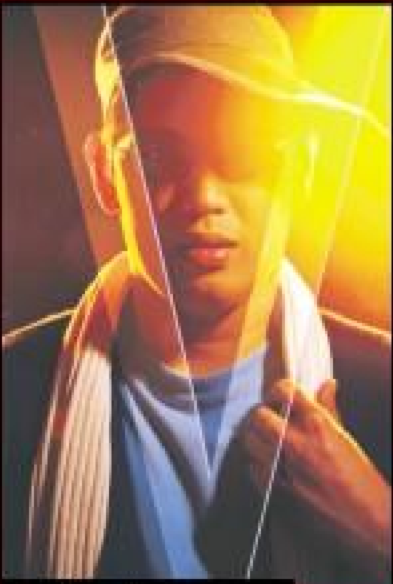
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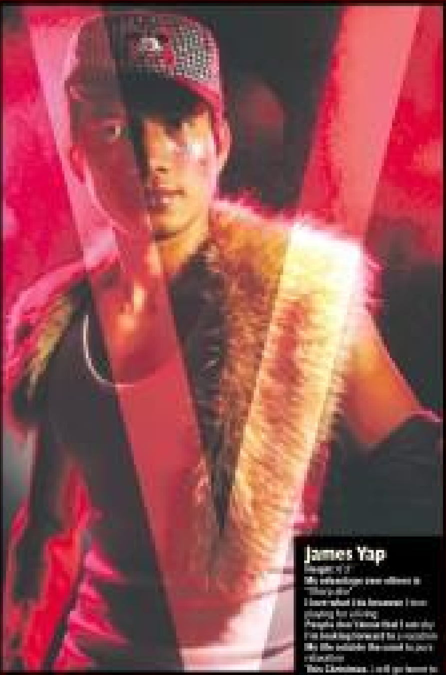
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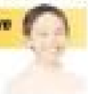
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